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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453)*]

52/1. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

I

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS LOGISTICS BASE AT BRINDISI, ITALY

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 and section VIII of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Logistics Base,[3] the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon[4] and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

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[1] A/51/905.

[2] A/52/407.

[3] A/51/803, annex.

[4] A/52/380, annex.

[5] A/C.5/52/SR.3 and 4.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. *Takes note also* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Takes note further* of the cost estimates proposed by the Secretary-General[6] and recommended by the Advisory Committee[7] for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, amounting to 7,875,000 United States dollars gross (7,375,200 dollars net), the ad hoc financing of which will be reflected in the respective performance reports of the peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

4. *Notes* that, according to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, a more precise cost-benefit analysis of the Logistics Base should be carried out,[8] requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the operation of the Logistics Base for consideration by the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session, and requests the Advisory Committee to assist the Secretary-General in this regard by providing more specific guidance on conducting such an analysis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the decision of the General Assembly on the future of the Logistics Base, to make proposals, as appropriate, for different sources or modes of financing, including self-financing mechanisms, and to consider the possibility of expanding the use of the Logistics Base to other agencies and programmes of the United Nations, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme, as recommended by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 18 of its report,[2] and to make this information available so as to enable the Assembly to take a decision on the future of the Logistics Base, in the context of a coherent strategy for logistic support, during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 4,207,500 dollars for the clearance of backlog inventory at the Logistics Base;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session on the clearance of backlog inventory referred to in his report;[1]

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments on a monthly basis in the amount of 812,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the period from 16 October 1997 to 30 June 1998;

9. *Decides* that additional appropriations, as may be required, will be considered in the context of the performance reports on peacekeeping operations for that period;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, six Field Service and twenty-eight locally recruited staff;

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[6] See A/50/907.

[7] A/50/985, para. 25.

[8] A/52/407, paras. 4 and 18.

11. *Endorses* the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 13 of its report[2] that the level of staffing should be reviewed in the light of the volume of operations, and requests the Secretary-General to provide this information to the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to use existing audit capability to provide the functions referred to in paragraph 34 of his report;[1]

13. *Decides* to refer to the issue of resourcing policy as proposed in section VIII of the report of the Secretary-General in the context of its deliberations on the future of the Logistics Base, as referred to in paragraph 5 above;

14. *Approves* the policies proposed in sections X and XI of the report of the Secretary-General;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on the Logistics Base communications relay system and its functions;

II

MANAGEMENT OF PEACEKEEPING ASSETS: FIELD ASSETS CONTROL SYSTEM

Recalling section VIII, paragraph 4, of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the field assets control system[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the field assets control system;[9]

2. *Takes note also* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Endorses* the proposal for the development and implementation of the field assets control system described in paragraphs 4 to 22 of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to continue to develop the field mission logistics system described in paragraphs 25 and 26 of his report, and decides to consider this question during the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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[9] A/51/957.